(MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER)

one received in the office. The first one was disposed of. The second notice has been put down in the order paper from time to time on every Wednesday and Friday. But on all the days on which this was put down, the House, either because of the long duration of the sitting or for some other reason expressed the desire not to sit beyond the conclusion of the business and generally agreed to the postponement of this discussion. It has therefore become necessary for this particular notice of Shri M. C. Narasimhan put down on the order paper from day today to be postponed every time. This has no doubt resulted in the holding up of the other notices given by other Hon'ble Members subsequently. If Hon'ble Members want that this right should be freely exercised and the discussions take place on the notices, it is necessary that the House should generally be prepared to sit for half an hour on every Wednesday or Friday after the conclusion of the business. The Chair is always willing to sit for this half-hour after the conclusion of the business of the day, but can do so only if the House is also agreeable to sit. If the Members should express a desire not to sit, it will be very difficult for the Chair to enforce the rule. For the future, I express the hope that the House will be prepared to sit for half-hour after the conclusion of the business of the day so that such notices may be reached and the matters discussed.

Statement re: Privilege Motion.

SRI B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).— Sir, I rise to make a statement in regard to the privilege motion tabled by one of the Hon'ble Members of this House in connection with the visit of the Members of the Public Accounts Committee to the Tungabhadra Project on 23rd January 1959. A communication was also received in this behalf by Government in February 1959 from the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee stating that in spite of advance notice given by the Legislature Secretariat to the officers concerned about the visit of the Committee to the Tungabhadra Project, no arrangements for the stay of the Members had been made and the Committee had to cancel its programme in so far as the Tungabhadra Project was concerned.

2. Government have had preliminary enquiries made in this connection. It is ascertained that on receipt of the programme of the Committee, the Secretary of the Tungabhadra Board intimated the Legislature Secretariat in his letter of 16th January 1959 that as the 'Vaikunt' Guest House was under repairs, accommodation could not be provided therein. However, on receipt of the communications both from the Legislature Secretariat and from Government about the visit of the Committee the Chief Engineer, Major Irrigation (North) had reserved part of 'Indra Bhavan' Guest House at Munirabad and also one of the quarters in the Colony for the use of the Members. The Members of the Committee are understood to have arrived at 'Vaikunt' at about 1 P.M. on the 23rd January 1959—perhaps because they were not aware of the intimation sent earlier by the Tungabhadra Board to the Legislature Secretariat about the non-availability of that Guest House. It transpires on enquiries so far made that the Superintending Engineer, Tungabhadra Board, who was contacted by the Committee on arrival suggested that the members may proceed to 'Indra Bhavan' at Munirabad. It would appear, however, that the Members proceeded from 'Vaikunt' to Hospet and from there on to Kampli. The Chief Engineer and other Officers who are ascertained to have been awaiting the arrival of the Members at Munirabad until about 1 P.M. got information about the actual arrival of the Members only at about 4 P.M., and the Chief Engineer thereafter proceeded to Kampli and is understood to have informed the Committee Members about the reservation of accommodation at Munirabad. The Deputy Minister who was at Munirabad, on that day, and who was likewise awaiting the arrival of the members, also met them subsequently and apprised them of the arrangements made at

Munirabad. It seems, however, that the Committee could not be persuaded to go through with the programme in so far as it pertained to the Tungabhadra Project.

3. It is very unfortunate that some inconvenience was caused to the Members of the Committee in regard to their accommodation and stay. Government feel very sorry that this should have happened This was due, as enquiries disclose, to lack of timely information about arrangements made and not to any design or any deliberate act on the part of any of those concerned. It seems that if the committee had timely information about the non-availability of 'Vaikunt' Guest House and about the reservation of alternative accommodation, this inconvenience would have been avoided. Government propose to further examine the matter and take such action as is called for. Government would also like to assure the Members of the Committee that there was not the slightest intention on anybody's part to put the Members to inconvenience and much less to upset their programme; on the contrary, it is clear from what has been stated that action was taken in regard to provision of accommodation and other facilities, although it unfortunately happened that the Committee Members were not aware of this at the time of their arrival. Government would also like to assure the Members that as was presumably done in the case of all other visits which the Committee had programmed in the course of their recent tour, such facilities and convenience as are feasible would be extended to them.

4. In the circumstances stated above, there has been no direct or indirect obstruction to the Members of the Committee in the discharge of their duties as such members There has been no intention either on the part of any Government Officer to cause such obstruction. The authority and the dignity of the Members of the Committee are not in anyway impaired and I can assure you that I will be the first person to protect them. No question of breach of privilege arises.

In view of the explanation, I hope that Hon'ble Member Shri Arumugham will not press for the motion.

†Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Mr. Speaker Sir, it was very interesting to hear the statement made by the Chief Minister. In view of the action taken in the matter, I am not pressing the motion. But still I want to make one statement. My privilege Motion or the letter from the Chairman is not about the accommodation I want the Chief Minister to understand it clearly. It is not for the accommodation; it is for their failure in duty in taking the committee around the works. That is our complaint. Further, it was not our request to stay in Indra Bhavan. It is not so. I do not know how the Deputy Minister for P.W.D. gave such a wrong information to the Chief Minister. I know the Chief Minister is very honest and sincere. They had not deputed a subordinate from the P.W.D. to take us round the Tungabhadra Project. Anyway, as he has taken action in the matter and proposes to take further action, I am not pressing my motion.

DEBATE ON FOOD SITUATION

(Continued.)

†ಶ್ರೀ ಪೈ. ವೀರಪ್ಪ (ಹೊಳೆನರಸೀಪುರ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹಾರದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅನೇಕ ಜನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತ ಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೂ ಸಹ ಈ ನಡೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಆಹಾರದ ಬೆಲೆಗಳ ಏರುವಿಕೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಗಾಗಲೇ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಮಾಡಿ ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೋ, ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಎಂದು ಕಂಡ ಬಂದಲ್ಲೆ Fair Price Depotಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದೂ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ವರ್ತಮಾನಗಳ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಈಗಿರುವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹಾರದ ಬೆಲೆ ದಿನ ದಿನಕ್ಕೆ ಮಿತಿಮೀರಿ ಏರುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೂ ತಪ್ಪಾಗ ರಾದು. ಅಕ್ಕಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುವವನಿಗೂ ತಿನ್ನುವವನಿಗೂ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಸೌಹಾರ್ದವಿರಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಧಾರಣೆವಾಸಿಗಳು ಇರಬೇಕು. ಇದನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ಘನ ಸರಕಾರವ್ಹಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಪತ್ತೈದು ದಿವಸ ನೂರು ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಗಳಷ್ಟು ಸಂಬಳ ಬರುವವರ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮ ನಮ್ಮ ಅನುಭವದಿಂದ ನೋಡಿ ಹೇಳ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕ ವರಮಾನದಲ್ಲಿ